

Creative Family Living



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Getting the children off to school undoubtedly has taken up the time of most mothers over the past few weeks. . . at last the big day arrives. I do hope your youngsters left home with a "good" feeling . . . warmth and reassurance, a parting smile. It is especially important for those entering upon their first school experience. School is often their first big step out into the world of people and things without mother, on their own, really on their own.

ALLOW FOR ADJUSTMENTS

It takes time for adjustments, child to school, teacher to child, child to classmates, etc. I often suggest to parents they allow up to six weeks, more or less, for these adjustments to take place, in the case of the child who has definite problems in adjustments, much longer than this. The pre-schooler who has been exposed to group cooperation and group goals, knows how to take his turn and has a good start for class participation. His ability to care for his personal needs helps teacher so much. School brings with its first contact wider horizons, new personalities, good and bad. It brings the unknown, with the accompanying uncertainty. Naturally there is bound to be a period of insecurity for the kindergartener.

GIVE ENCOURAGEMENT

However Mother's and Dad's reassurance they are standing by, their interest in their child's experiences plus their encouragement, love, and affection will all guide the youngster through the first adjustments.

Even old timers like 3rd and 4th graders need allowance for initial adjustments in their new group and new teacher. Each semester brings many changes in the group, each new personality must find its place. Teenagers have their problems too, as entrance into high school brings a totally new way of life to them. Allow for these first insecurities, don't expect too much those first few weeks of school, for just getting settled is a big job in itself.

SUPPORT TEACHER

Family living is your child's first group experience, if unhealthy patterns have developed at home, naturally they will reflect into his school experiences. Remember the home conditions the child for the school . . . parents' attitudes toward the child's learning situation can affect it for better or worse. Negative comments regarding teachers, teaching methods, etc., can cause a child to be thrown into real conflict, from which can stem all types of inadequacies.

Discuss your feelings with the persons who can give the answers, the teacher or principal, rather than with the neighbors in front of your child. Your child's teacher is a person with feelings too, one who is trying very much to understand 25 or 30 personalities as best she can. Give her your support, she wants it. Help your youngster to feel your support of him, as well as his school experience, avoid comparing him with Johnny down the block. Assist him in developing his potentials rather than pointing up his failures. Let him progress within his own maturity range and relax!

Fund-Raising Parties Fill Coffers of Elementary PTA

The treasury of the new Evelyn Carr Elementary PTA unit was added to further by two money raising parties held recently. Hostessing at an evening of games on Sept. 15, were Mmes. J. R. Saunders and G. A. Cunerty. Attending the party held at the home of Mrs. J. R. Saunders were Mmes. Jack

PTA GROUP SETS MEET

Members of the executive board of the Evelyn B. Carr Elementary PTA unit are bursting with enthusiasm as they will hold the first meeting as a PTA unit on Sept. 28, 7:30 p.m., at the school. Not only will this be the first official meeting of the PTA unit, but it will also be the first PTA meeting to be held by any school in the Torrance Unified School District.

Program chairman, Frank Forve, announced that the speaker for the evening will be Dr. J. H. Hull, superintendent of the Torrance Unified School District, whose subject will be "Know Your Torrance School System." "Our program theme for the year is 'Know Your School,' and in keeping with this, our programs are designed to acquaint the parents with the workings of the Torrance Unified School District and its system of teaching."

As this is the first meeting of the newly formed Carr Elementary PTA unit, there will be introductory talks of the 33 teachers, officers and board members. Mrs. Eldon Morgan, president of the unit, announced that the room with the highest parent attendance will receive a room prize. There will be child care in the kindergarten classrooms.

ENTERTAINMENT

Miss Lela Mae Smith, who operates a dress shop at 1119 Sartori Ave., entertained her aunt, Mrs. Robert Montgomery, of Kansas City, Mo., for the past two weeks. The Midwestern visitor left for her home yesterday.

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Eastern Star Holds Meet

Past Matrons and Patrons of Torrance Chapter No. 380, Order of Eastern Star, were honored recently at a regular chapter meeting in the Masonic Temple, Sartori Ave.

Glady's Mothersell and Frederick Cook presided as worthy matron and worthy patron. Special escort was given the worthy matron, Florence Viellenave, and the worthy patron, Vincent Viellenave. Presiding during the evening were Frances Buckley, Vivian Cook, Myrtle Clayton, Mildred Edwards, Jeannette Clark, Billie Kerber, Edna Babcock, Persia Fess, Aletha Smith, Joan Simpson, Garnet Satterfield, Roy Winters, Ernest Mosher, Floyd Mead, Archie Lewis, Gordon Mothersell, and Fred Bever.

Phyllis Peveley was chairman for the evening. She introduced James Lillegren, son of Arthur Lillegren, junior past patron of Playa Linda Chapter, who played a group of selections on the xylophone.

After the meeting, refreshments were served in the Banquet Hall where the tables were attractively decorated with garden flowers in pastel shades. Nutcups also carried out the color theme. Serving were Ethyl Peveley, Frances Peveley, Letha Wells, Fern Mead, and Jennie Delsigne.

PTA Group Will Present New Members

Mrs. Michael Foxhoven, president of the Gardena-Wilmington PTA council will present her new council board members at the first fall meeting of the group tomorrow at 10 a. m. at the Denker Ave. school, 16221 Denker Ave., Gardena.

Mrs. Frances B. Wood, manager of the Tenth District Child Welfare Bureau, will be the main speaker. Special invitations have been sent to all Child Welfare chairmen.

A pot-luck luncheon will follow the general meeting, with members of the Denker Avenue PTA serving as hostesses.

Gardena-Wilmington council meetings are open to all interested parents and teachers in the area.

Training Set For Officers

"The Role of the Y-Teen in the World Today," will be the topic of Harry Talbert, of the Church Welfare Federation, when he speaks at the semi-annual area officers training conference to be held at Harbor Tech on Thursday, Sept. 23, from 4:30 until 9 p.m.

Approximately 125 girls and adults from the Harbor Area YWCAs will take part in the sessions geared to acquaint new officers of Y-teen clubs with their duties.

Working with each officer group will be an adult and at least one girl who has attended the Asslomar leadership conference. Girls participating are: Presidents and Interclub Council: Jo Ann Davis, Vagabond Club; and Jeannette Pearson, Betas; Vice-Presidents and Sergeants-at-Arms: Faye Mallean, Scotties; and Dona Cecil, Debutantes; Secretaries: Barbara McGaffey, Coeds; Treasurer: Diane Bledsoe, Coquettes; and Barbara Barron, Marinettes; Chaplains: Starr Bill, Vagabonds; and Diane Larson, Torrettes; Publicity and Historians: Sheryl Ludwig, Marinettes; and Linda Halberg, Marquettes.

SURPRISE BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR MCNEIL

JACK McNEIL was feted with a surprise 16th birthday party recently by his parents Mr. and Mrs. Thomas F. McNeil, 2475-D Torrance Blvd.

The party, which included dancing and the traditional cake, was held at the McNeils new store building at 1118 Crenshaw Blvd.

Guests were Jack's sister Jean, his cousin Linda Prinity from Los Angeles, Betty Jean Fenwick, Sandra Ledbetter, Bob Chapman, Robert Holmsted, and Chuck Schauwecker.



SPANISH DANCER . . . Among star-studded cast to appear in the South Bay B'nai B'rith Women's "Harvest Revue of 1954" on Oct. 16 at the Torrance Civic Auditorium to Miss Mickie Parvin, former "Miss Hawthorne," who has been acclaimed as one of the most brilliant Spanish dancers of our time.

Partial Cast of B'nai B'rith 'Harvest Revue' Revealed

South Bay B'nai B'rith Women will offer their main event of the year when "Harvest Revue of 1954" is presented Oct. 16 at the Torrance Civic Auditorium.

First such affair sponsored by the group, the show will include a harvest of talent and a wide variety of acts. Jointly

directing the production will be Jan Darian and Howard Trimmer, well-known ballet dancers who operate and instruct at the "Jan Darian School" at the Hermosa Biltmore Hotel.

Darian gave a command performance before the late King George and Queen Mary of England, has trained young ladies for presentation at the court of St. James and other European courts in the matter of etiquette and rules pertaining to court routine, and also appeared with the Hobima Players in Tel Aviv.

Trimmer was affiliated with the dance team of Farnham and Marve for many years, has appeared in Technicolor motion pictures, handles publicity and obtains talent for various recitals and lectures, and is currently secretary of the Pacific Bowl Association.

Norma Quine, "Miss Torrance of 1955," will assist comedian Bobby Kaye in emceeing the show. Kaye was affiliated with the Ballet Russe de Monte Carlo and has appeared in such movies as "The Jolson Story," "Jolson Sings Again," and other musicals.

Dancers of tap and ballet who will appear on the program include a 12-year-old dynamic tap star, David Ray, who has made 300 professional appearances and is slated to appear in a movie with Gene Kelly; Harry Wag-

Torrance's Dancing Rickards Bring Rich, Varied Background To School Beginning Monday

Dancing is a custom which the people of almost every country in the world hold in common. And one can learn much about a nation's character, history and traditions by a study of its dances.

Hence it is a rewarding research which has been undertaken by Martha Jane and Edward Thomas Rickard, dancers and instructors at the Three Arts Dance Studio, 2252 West Carson St., Torrance.

The Rickards have been studying and teaching dancing in New York City and it was also their good fortune to be guest teachers in London, England and Paris, where they have just completed a tour of Europe and Africa. They lingered in Switzerland, a country rich in folk dances; where the people were also very interested in learning dances of the United States. They also studied other folk dances in Belgium, Holland, Germany, Austria, Italy and Spain.

On the storied Isle of Capri, off the coast of Italy, the Rickards studied the spirited tarantella, the Neapolitan folk dance. The dance was originally designed as a cure for the bite of a tarantula. In dancing the tarantella, a special hand cymbal is used, of which the dancing couple brought back from Italy for the students.

Across the Mediterranean, they saw and studied the Arabic dances of Spanish and French Morocco on the continent of Africa. On their itinerary were such places as Casablanca and Rabat. To take advantage of their good fortune of being guest teachers abroad, the Rickards arose early and went to bed late. Dancing teachers often guided them to the places where they could see the dances in which they were interested. They found the teachers eager for information on American dancing, and often the attractive young couple demonstrated and taught their techniques on the dance floor.

The tour was but a continuation of a long study of dancing in its native habitats. One recent winter the Rickards and the Hawaiian Islands and learned in detail the significance of the Hawaiian dances, which are popular here in California.

Last summer they toured through Mexico, Central and South America and Cuba. In Costa Rica, incidentally, they found the natives fascinated by folk dancing and were very eager to learn and study U.S. tap steps.



MARtha AND EDWARD RICKARD, dancers and instructors who have been all over the world, will begin teaching their fall term of courses Monday at their studio at 2252 W. Carson St. The Rickards believe in studying dances in the country in which they originated. They have just completed a tour of Europe and Africa. They made a special study of the folk dances in Switzerland, Belgium, Holland, Germany, Austria, Italy, and Spain.

tel him the story behind a certain dance," said Mrs. Martha Rickard. The Three Arts Dance Studio which originated there, became popular in the United States. The dancing pair have built up a collection of dolls from their junkets. They find that a doll authentically dressed makes a good note on Costumeary. Also, they make conventional notes and colored motion pictures on the dancing customs they find. "We've found that it is easier to teach a student, when we can

Source of Creative Living Hope Church Topic For YWCA Meeting Ham Dinner

"Sources of Creative Living" is the discussion and lecture series to be given by Dr. David Eitzen, professor of Pastoral Counseling, sponsored by the Adult Committee of the Young Women's Christian Association beginning Monday, Oct. 11 and continuing for five weeks from 7:30 until 9:30 p.m. at the headquarters building.

Mrs. Mary Michel, adult director states: "The course will be aimed at helping people to grow toward a unified personality and will explore the sources from which one derives help in that direction." The committee arranging the series felt that a great deal of benefit could be derived from both a husband and wife taking the course and so fifty family tickets are available. Individual tickets may also be purchased for the series. "Coupons about to be married will find the material covered to be exceedingly helpful in beginning life together," Mrs. Michel said.

The Alpha Society and the Women of Hope Church are sponsoring a ham dinner and bazaar Saturday evening for the benefit of the local church, in the Mohrstor hall, from 6:30 on.

Stooths will be set up at which the women will offer for sale home made candles, aprons, fancy needlework, articles for children, such as toys, games, puzzles, Household articles which have been donated by members of the church and community will be available.



PUR 50¢ IN THE POT . . . says the inscription on the bucket by Mrs. Charles (Pat) Rippey Jr. as she collects coins from Mrs. Richard (Jo) Rojo for the Junior Woman's Club philanthropy treasury. Mrs. Don (Nadine) Moyer, hostess for the morning "Coffee Klatch" pours a cup of the black brew for Mrs. Rojo. Also invited were Mmes. Don Porter, Sue Cooper, Lou Stellar, and Douglas Baldwin. Similar events will be held at various members' homes, with all parties to be completed by the November business meeting.